

Barrow Male Voice Choir

Charity No 1186272

Registered Office: Amulree, Main Street, Bardsea, Ulverston, Cumbria, LA129QL
Trustees Annual Report for **March 2025 - March 2026**

The choir is a charity with the following objective:

To further the cause of choral music for the male voice by its study and practice and by its public performance in order to foster public appreciation of such music and for the public benefit.

This report describes how the choir has met this objective in the period March 2025-March 2026 (That is the period between our annual general meetings)

- The choir participated in the South Cumbria Musical Festival at The Coronation Hall, Ulverston, on Friday, 21st March 2025, and in a public performance, retained the Rose Bowl trophy by winning the male voice choir competition.
- On Friday, 28 March, the choir took part in the South Cumbria Musical Festival Gala Concert at Dalton Church.
- On Friday, 11th April, the choir took part in a Joint Concert with K Shoes Male Voice Choir, Kendal. This public concert took place in Ulverston Parish Church.
- A Concert by Cowbridge Male Voice Choir with guests Barrow Male Voice Choir took place on Saturday, 24 May 2025 in St James Church, Barrow. This was a fabulous concert, a full house, two choirs of contrasting styles and organ solos too. Everyone went home happy. The event raised over £2,250 for charities chosen by our local Rotary club, who had played a major part in the event organisation.
- The choir sang at a public concert to celebrate 150 years of Coniston Chapel, which took place on Thursday, 5th June. The event raised £276 for St Mary's Hospice.
- Tuesday 22nd July saw the choir performing at Hawkshead Church as part of the Music for a Summer Evening series. A retiring collection raised £405 to be shared between the church and other charities.
- On 6th September, Barrow hosted an Art Bazaar in the newly opened Bridge Centre, and the choir sang in Portland Walk to welcome visitors.
- The choir's Annual concert took place on Friday, 3rd October at Abbey Road Baptist Church in Barrow. Ticket prices were kept low at £5.00 each in order to enable as many people as possible to attend, and we were rewarded with an audience of over 90. This public concert saw the launch of our repertoire for the coming year.
- Barrow held a Festival of Choirs at Barrow Library on 11th October, and the choir sang a short set.
- The choir sang in a joint Christmas concert with the Ghyl singers at Aldingham church on Friday 19th December.
- In December, the choir sang Christmas Carols in six local care homes for the elderly.
- During February, the choir sang at funeral services for two local residents.
- The choir participated in a second South Cumbria Musical Festival at The Coronation Hall, Ulverston, on Thursday 19th March 2026 and in a public performance retained the Rose Bowl trophy by winning the male voice choir

competition. The choir featured on Granada TV News to promote this event.

Financial Summary

For the year 1st January 2025 - 31st December 2025

Income £9,714

Expenditure £9,123

Surplus for the Year £591

Trustees are all members of the choir and were elected at an annual general meeting on 10th March 2025. For the period of this report, they were:

Peter Kelly (6), Nick Sawkins (5), Ian Hutt (6), Mel Turner(3), Phil Lister(2), David Hill (6), Andrew Purvin (3), Ken Corlett (6),

The number in brackets behind each name is the number of years the person has served as a trustee.

Peter Kelly 7th April 2026

On behalf of the trustees.